REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	21 July 1998
Name of applicant/court:	The District Court at Blenheim
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	'Grand Slam' Finale
Other Known Titles:	Untitled (Exhibit 42)
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Stated
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Video Advertising Material
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	English

Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Not Applicable	Running time:
Trailers:		Running time:
		Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

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Not Applicable.

Direction to issue a label has been given on Not Applicable

SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The video advertising material *'Grand Slam' Finale* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The video advertising material consists of a black and white double-sided sheet of paper which is approximately A4 size. It advertises fifteen sexually explicit video recordings. In doing so, it presents photographs explicitly depicting sexual activity and nudity and text describing sexual activity in explicit terms using colloquial language. There are photographs of, or references to, sex between teenagers, female to female sexual activity, urination, sex between transgendered persons, nuns engaging in sexual activity, and a man shaving women's pubic areas.

The publication contains photographs of girls engaging in sexual activity or who are nude or semi-nude. The girls have young faces and underdeveloped bodies consistent with the physical appearance of teenagers less than 17 years of age. There is sexually explicit text, corresponding to these images, portraying the girls as young teenagers. The photographs, in combination with the text, promote the sexual characteristics of young persons to an adult audience and invite the reader to be sexually aroused by young persons who are presented as desirable, viable and legitimate sexual partners. The publication therefore tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes as outlined under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act) and is deemed objectionable.

There is also a photograph of a woman, with a partially visible breast, who has liquid over her face and upper body. Text corresponding to this photograph contains references to the use of urine in association with sexual activity and reinforces that the liquid in the photograph is supposed to be urine. The combination of the photograph and text is intended to be sexually arousing and has the effect of tending to promote and support the use of urine in association with sexual conduct as outlined under s3(2)(d) of the FVPC Act.

Because s3(2) is a deeming provision, it is inconsistent with the rights and freedoms contained in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 and overrides that section

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